IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 46/2005

Pramil Rao, Convict Prisoner
No.700, Central Jail Aguada, Goa. ..... Petitioner.

V/s.

State of Goa, through the
Chief Secretary and two others. ..... Respondents.

Mrs. Shanti Fonseca, Advocate under Legal Aid Scheme for the petitioner.

Ms. W. Coutinho, Public Prosecutor for the respondents.

CORAM : A.P. LAVANDE &
N.A. BRITTO, JJ.

DATE : 14th March, 2006.

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Heard Mrs. Shanti Fonseca, the learned Counsel on behalf the petitioner and Ms. W. Coutinho, the learned Public Prosecutor on behalf of the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in this petition is that there was no bus transport available for the benefits of the relatives of the inmates of the Central Jail, Aguada. It has been submitted by the learned Counsel for the Petitioner Ms. Fonseca that normally public transport is available upto Candolim, but there is no public transport

available from Candolim to Central Jail, Aguada.

3. The Respondent-Inspector General of Prisons, in his affidavit-in-reply dated 10.2.2006, in para 4 has set out that even the Model Prison Manual formulated by the Bureau of Police Research & Development, Ministry of Homes Affairs, Government of India, which is in the process of being adopted by the State Government does not provide for any travelling facilities to the families of the prisoners. As far as the facilities to be provided to the prisoners, the same are being dealt with in Writ Petition No.53/04 and, in our view, the facilities sought for by the petitioner cannot be provided to the petitioner or other inmates of the Jail in exercise of jurisdiction under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India.

In the light of the above, the petition is dismissed.

A.P. LAVANDE, J.

N.A. BRITTO, J.

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